

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NOS. 97-079-C AND 97-080-C - ORDER NO. 97-862
OCTOBER 13, 1997

IN RE: Docket No. 97-079-C - Request of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas for Revisions to its Access Services Tariff Removing Coin/Pay Telephone Services as Tariffed Offerings in response to FCC Order No. 96-128.) ORDER
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Docket No. 97-080-C - Request of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas for Revisions to its General Subscriber Services Tariff in Response to FCC Order, Docket No. 96-128 regarding Payphone Deregulation.)
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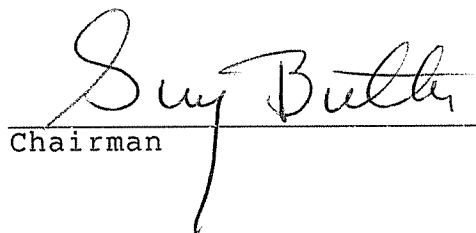
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion filed by the South Carolina Public Communications Association (SCPCA). SCPCA asks that the pre-filing of testimony and hearing in the present cases be postponed until after the Commission has issued final Orders in the unbundled network element (UNE) cost proceeding (Docket No. 97-374-C) and the universal service proceeding (Docket No. 97-239-C). The basis for said Motion is that, in essence, the final Orders in these proceedings will have a direct bearing on the issues in the present cases. Although we have issued an Order in Docket No. 97-239-C, Petitions for Rehearing and/or

Reconsideration and/or Clarification have been filed, which have yet to be addressed by this Commission. We have issued no merits Order in Docket No. 97-374-C, since we have not had the opportunity to hold a hearing in the case.

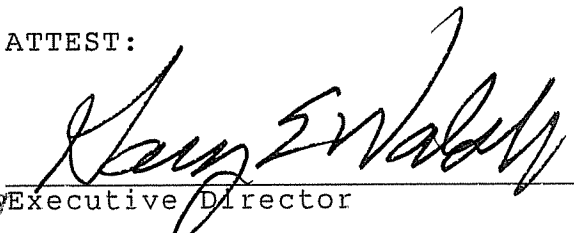
We agree with SCPCA that the resultant Orders in the two Dockets mentioned above will have a direct bearing On the cases herein. Accordingly, we grant the Motion for continuance of the hearing, and suspend the deadlines for the filing of testimony and exhibits until further Order of the Commission. We do hold, however, that when this matter is rescheduled, United Telephone Company of the Carolinas (United) will be allowed to supplement its testimony. We further hold that United is eligible to receive dial around compensation.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Executive Director

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